

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 22 were pending in the present application when last examined. Applicant has amended claims 1 to 3, 5 to 8, 11, 12, 17, 21, and 22, canceled claims 4 and 13 to 16, and added claims 23 and 24. Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 12, and 17 to 24 remain pending in the present application.

Claim Rejections

§ 102 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 8 to 10 and 13 to 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by European Patent No. EP 0548111B1 (“Levinson”).

Applicant has amended independent claim 8 with the limitations of dependent claim 11, which the Examiner indicated as allowable subject matter, and amended claim 11 with a different set of limitations. Accordingly, amended claim 8 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 9 and 10 depend from amended claim 8 and are also in condition for allowance.

Applicant has canceled claims 13 to 16, thereby rendering their rejections moot.

Applicant has amended independent claim 17 with the limitations of dependent claim 21, which the Examiner indicated as allowable subject matter, and amended claim 21 with a different set of limitations. Accordingly, amended claim 17 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 18 to 20 depend from amended claim 8 and are also in condition for allowance.

§ 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Levinson. Applicant has amended claim 1, which now recites

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for operating a transmitter to transmit a signal at an output power level, comprising:

coupling to an external power meter to receive a first external output power level of the transmitter;

measuring a first internal output power level of the transmitter with an integrated monitor;

determining a correlation between external and internal output power levels from the first external output power level and the first internal output power level;

storing the correlation in memory;

decoupling from the external power meter;

measuring a second internal output power level that represents a digital value with the integrated monitor;

determining a second external output power level from the second internal output power level and the correlation; and

adjusting an output power of the transmitter when the second external output power level is unacceptable.

Amended claim 1 (emphasis added). Applicant submits that Levinson does not disclose a calibration process where an internal power output level representing a digital value (e.g., a digital one) is correlated to an external output power level and the output power of the transmitter is adjusted when the external output power level is not acceptable. Accordingly, amended claim 1 is now patentable over Levinson.

Claims 2, 3, and 5 to 7 depend from amended claim 1 and are patentable for at least the same reasons as amended claim 1.

Applicant has canceled claim 4, thereby rendering its rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 11, 12, 21, and 22 are patentable subject matter if amended to independent form. Applicant has amended the limitations of claims 11 and 21 into their base claims, and amended claims 11 and 21 with additional limitations. Accordingly, claims 11, 12, 21, and 22 are in condition for allowance for their dependence from their base claims.

New Claim

New claim 23 depends from amended claim 11 and is patentable for at least the same reasons as amended claim 11.

New claim 24 depends from amended claim 17 and is patentable for at least the same reasons as amended claim 17.

Summary

In summary, claims 1 to 22 were pending in the above-identified application. Applicant has amended claims 1 to 3, 5 to 8, 11, 12, 17, 21, and 22, canceled claims 4 and 13 to 16, and added claims 23 and 24. For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the claim rejections and allow claims 1 to 3, 5 to 12, and 17 to 24. Should the Examiner have any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 382-0480x206.

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